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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community:

Welcome to 2011. I know that it will be a great year for all of us. Our city's finances are in great shape and we have a new Finance Director who will help us continue on the path of a strong fiscal management.

2011 also brings about a few changes you will see in the future. The first is the Duvall Chamber of Commerce is taking over the Farmers Market. Laurie Gilbertson, the past director has moved out of the area so we are grateful that the Chamber has agreed to take over. Secondly, Duvall Days will be on a different weekend than in the past. It will now be on July 15-16. There are a couple of reasons for the change. First, the weather was always hit and miss. We were lucky last year, yet in previous years we experienced a great deal of rain. Secondly, many of our local businesses would prefer it later in the year. When the Director of Duvall Days, Kris Wentworth, started planning Duvall Days I asked that she consider a date later in the summer, which she did. I appreciate Kris being flexible and moving the date at my request.

January is a month we have seen snow and lots of rain in the past. In 2010 the Public Works team developed new signage to help alert all of us to any road closures and to the snow routes. I know there were a few folks that did not see our signs because they were white not the typical orange. I apologize for any confusion the signs may have caused. Please familiarize yourself with them as they do have important information on them. The orange signs are put up by the state and the county. We are continuing to improve the communications on snow and road closures to everyone, and the county has a great resource, RPIN, that will send you email alerts. The link is http://www.rpin.org/rpinweb/.

Finally, I want to welcome Gérard Cattin as the Mayor Pro-Tem for 2011. Gérard has served as a council member for many years chairing the finance committee that helped shape the budget we have to-day. Gérard will be working with the administration team and the council throughout the year on different policy matters. Welcome Gérard.

Sincerely,

Will Ibershof

TAKE TIME TO BE KIND!!!!!!!

Random Acts of Kindness Week ...January 16th – 22nd! Supporting Our Local Businesses and Each Other!

This year marks five years for Duvall's Random Acts of Kindness Week. The premise behind RAK Week is to simply make a conscious effort to show kindness to someone. Your act of kindness could be as small as smiling at someone you pass on the street or thanking a local business owner for owning a business you enjoy in Duvall. If you would like to do something larger, you could pay someone's utility bill or pay for someone's dinner, gas or groceries. Be creative and have fun but definitely plan on doing something kind. If you need suggestions, visit www.rakduvall.

There is a city wide challenge on Wednesday, January 19th. Make an impact to our business community by doing extra shopping or dinning locally on the 19th! Collectively, we can make a difference!

2011 MASTER RECYCLER COMPOSTER (MRC) TRAINING: FEBRUARY 10 - MARCH 24, 2011

What: The MRC Program provides free community education about waste reduction, recycling, home composting, alternatives to household hazardous waste, and solid waste impacts on climate change.

When: The next MRC training will be held on Thursday evenings (6:30-9 p.m.) 2/10-3/24, plus two Saturday sessions.

Where: Kent Centennial Center, 400 W. Gowe Street

Who: This program is open to King County residents who live outside the City of Seattle.

Cost: FREE! The MRC training includes training and educational materials. In exchange for the free training, program graduates are expected to volunteer 40 hours of outreach within two years in King County, outside of Seattle.

Sign Up: Get an application at your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/mrc/documents/MRC_application.pdf or by contacting Karen May at Karen.may@kingcounty.gov or 206-296-4353. **Application deadline is February 3, 2011**.

THANK YOU!

With your help, over 350 gifts and 80+ pounds of food were donated to Hopelink during the 2010 Giving Trees campaign! Thank you to everyone who participated. Let's make this year even better!



You don't have to wait until the Holiday season to give to Hopelink. You can donate to their food bank year-round.

WASHWISE REACHES WATER SAVINGS GOAL

fter 13 years and more than 85,000 rebates, the Saving Water Partnership (SWP) is ending its participation in the WashWise rebate program and turning its attention to rebates on efficient toilets.

Effective April 1, 2011, SWP customers will no longer receive a water rebate on new clothes washers through the Wash-Wise rebate program, although energy utilities will continue to provide a rebate.

Seattle City Light customers will continue to receive the full \$100 rebate through the end of 2011, and other energy utilities will continue to offer a WashWise rebate. Customers should visit www.washwiserebate.com to see if they are eligible for a rebate

The SWP is proud of the achievements of the WashWise program during the last 13 years. The WashWise label is now easily recognized by shoppers as a sign of superior water and energy savings and performance. Customers are purchasing water-efficient washers in record numbers, and with little difference between the price of an efficient and inefficient machine today, the energy and water savings are likely to convince customers to buy an efficient one.

"The majority of clothes washers now sold in our region are efficient machines," said Billie Fisher, WashWise Program Manager for the Saving Water Partnership. "For over a decade SWP rebates, in combination with energy utility rebates, have transformed the clothes washer market and helped our region save more than 1.5 million gallons of water each day."

In 2011, the SWP will be shifting its focus to highlight the money - and water-saving potential of highefficiency WaterSense toilets for customers. WaterSense toilets perform just as well, if not better, than other toilets on the market and can save customers more than \$100 a year on utility bills.

"WaterSense labeled toilets use 1.28 gallons of water per flush compared to the 3.5 to 5 gallons used by older toilets," said Fisher. "Not only do these toilets save at least two gallons of water per flush, they are proven to perform by the US Environmental Protection Agency."

A wide range of toilets bearing the WaterSense label are available at reasonable prices in local stores where plumbing fixtures are sold, and SWP customers are also eligible for a rebate on their purchase. For more information, visit www.savingwater.org or call 206-684-SAVE (7283).



City of Duvall offices will be closed for the following holiday:

January 17th (Monday) in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

SHORELINE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

OPEN HOUSE he City will kick off its update to the Shoreline Reconnecting with the Riverfront. Master Plan on Wednesday, February 2, 2011.

The Open House will be at 7:00 PM at the Community Center (26512) Stella Street). This plan will help drive what happens adjacent to the Snoqualmie River including McCormick Park for generations to come. What uses do you want along the riverfront (i.e. recreation, restoration, etc.)? Come be a part of the answer.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 13th & 27th: City Council Meetings - 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Duvall Fire Station.

January 19th Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Community Center.

January 16th - 22nd: Random Acts of Kindness Week